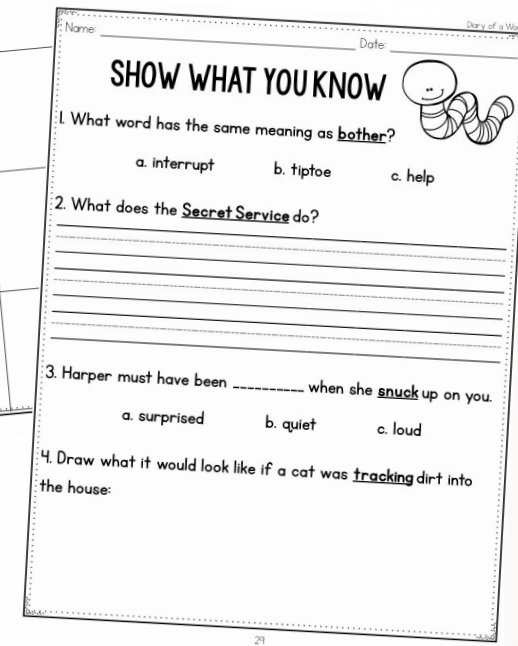
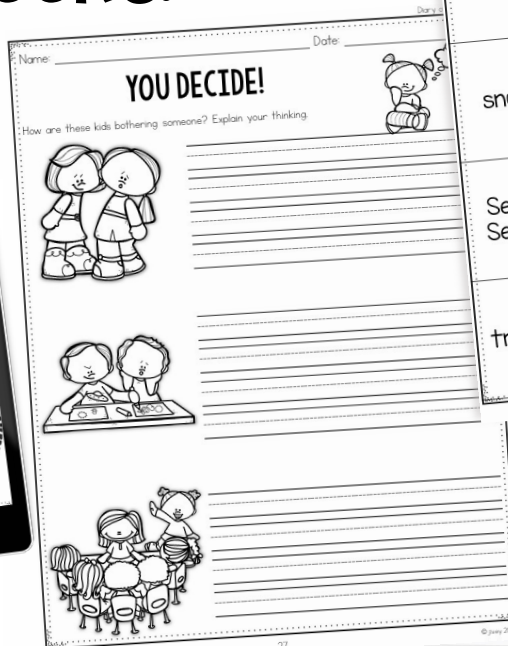
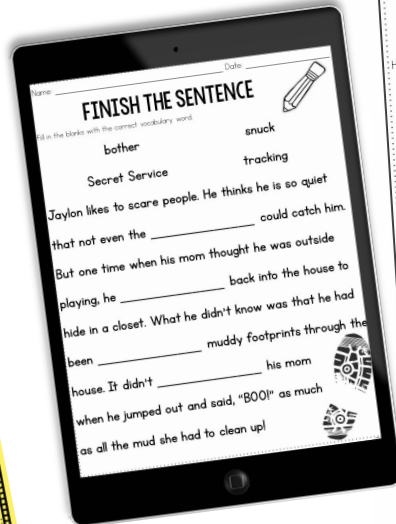


VIVID VOCABULARY

Throw out the word lists and
teach vocabulary in context
using your favorite books!



BEST PRACTICES

I use mentor sentences by Jivey and I love this add on resource that adds focus to vocabulary. I love that both resources use the same texts.

Michelle C., 2nd Grade Teacher

Vocabulary must be taught **in context** for students to truly understand the words and build relationships with them, and then in turn use them in writing and speaking. Move away from lists of vocabulary words and looking up definitions, and teach students how to comprehend with this best practice resource!

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Marzano's Six Step Process For Teaching Vocabulary

1. Provide a description, explanation, or example of the new term. (Tell a story that integrates the term or show a picture of the term)
2. Ask students to restate the description, explanation, or example in their own words. (Correct misunderstandings)
3. Ask students to construct a picture, symbol, or graphic representing the word. (Draw your own example, too)
4. Engage students periodically in activities that help them add to their knowledge of the terms. (Identify prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, antonyms, analogies, reminders of confusion)

word:

synonyms:

explain in your own words:

picture or symbol:

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

INTERACTIVE WORD WALL (as mentioned in best practices)

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

DIFFERENTIATE FOR STYLES OF LEARNING

- "Warm up" the students by discussing a topic the words fall under when applicable (for example, if the book is about bats... ask, "What do you know about bats?" Show the vocabulary words and allow them to share what they know about how the words relate to bats.)
- Allow students to act out vocabulary words (old and new) by asking them "What does it look like when you?"
- Write a word on a strip of paper, tape it to a wall, and have students stand around their head, stapled (like a crown) - students should not touch the word on their head. Students should ask questions about the word and guess the word that is on their crown.

CENTERS/WORD WORK STATIONS

- The independent activities could go in a center, or use the multiple intelligences tic-tac-toe board. (Suggestion: give graph paper for the crossword- it comes out cleaner!)
- Create TWO sets of each of the word cards included for each mentor text: one for the wall and one for the centers (some of the activities include using the word cards).

Tic-Tac-Toe

Write a short story using all of the vocabulary words from the week.

Work with a partner to create a Fill in the blank commercial that uses the vocabulary words of the week.

Write a song or poem using at least four of the vocabulary words from the week.

Make Connections



OPEN-ENDED SUGGESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE VOCABULARY PRACTICE

EACH SET INCLUDES:



Diary of a Fly

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Date: _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD	PART OF SPEECH	BOOK CLUES	YOUR DEFINITION
targets	noun	They were practicing landing	goal or something to land on
observe	verb	She used her five senses to make notes about	notice or examine
filthy	adjective	The three of them were dirty	dirty or messy
villains	noun	Superheroes save the world	criminals or evil enemies

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Diary of a Fly

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Date: _____

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1. **Observe** your pencil. Describe it below.

Answers will vary- **yellow, skinny, sharp, etc.**

2. What word has the opposite meaning of **filthy**?

a. dirty b. messy c. **clean**

3. To observe who a **leader** is most likely:

a. there b. **a criminal.** c. a leader.

What can someone do to help them land on their **targets**?

Answers will vary- **take aim, practice, etc.**

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EACH SET INCLUDES:

PRINT & DIGITAL ACTIVITIES TO DEMONSTRATE UNDERSTANDING AND APPLY MEANING IN CONTEXT (ACTIVITIES FOR EACH BOOK VARY)

The image displays a variety of educational worksheets for children, organized into five columns, each representing a different book. A tablet in the foreground shows a digital version of the 'Finish the Sentence' activity.

- Column 1: The Day The Crayons Quit**
 - FINISH THE SENTENCE**: Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word. Words: bother, Secret Service, snuck, tracking. Example: "Jaylon likes to scare people. He thinks he is so quiet that not even the _____ But one time when his mom thought he was outside playing, he _____ hide in a closet. What he didn't know was that he had been _____ muddy footprints through the _____ his mom house. It didn't _____ when he jumped out and said, 'BOO!' as much as all the mud she had to clean up!"
 - FIND A MATCH**: Match boxes with words that are related to the vocabulary. Words: clear up, sometimes, rare, solve, beige.
- Column 2: The Gingerbread Baby**
 - ANTONYMS**: Write the opposite meaning, or antonym, of the words. Words: boarded, grim, releases, glided, enjoyable, got down.
- Column 3: Snowmen at Christmas**
 - WHAT DID THEY SAY?**: Imagine these people are speaking using the vocabulary words. Includes illustrations of a girl and two children.
- Column 4: Snowmen at Christmas**
 - WORD ASSOCIATION**: Connect the vocabulary words with the events, and explain your thinking. Words: dainty, romp, sashay, tender. Examples: "Gerald likes to roll around in the snow drifts and hit his friends with snowballs.", "Andrew moved his hips and wove his arm to the beat of the song.", "Jorge was careful not to step on the soft sprouts coming out of the ground.", "Rosa lined her dress with delicate lace."

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THE BOOKS USED ARE GREAT FOR READING & WRITING LESSONS, TOO!

Second Grade Unit 2 Book List

The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin

Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin

'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving by Dav Pilkey

Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner

Snowmen at Christmas by Caralyn Buehner

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett

The Three Snow Bears by Jan Brett

Three Cheers for Tacky by Helen Lester

Don't own all the books? Most of the mentor texts used in the lessons are popular books that can be found in your media center, local library, or even a fellow teacher's classroom!

What an amazing resource. Thank you for taking the time to gather all the important pieces of instruction that help make our lessons meaningful.

THE SCIENCE OF READING

Multisensory Learning: The illustrations act as visual aids, supplementing the textual information. This helps learners form mental images of new vocabulary, strengthening memory and recall.

Contextual Clues: When we encounter unfamiliar words in real life, we often rely on the surrounding text to infer their meanings. Teaching vocabulary using picture books inherently embeds this strategy, providing authentic examples of how new words are used in sentences and larger narratives.

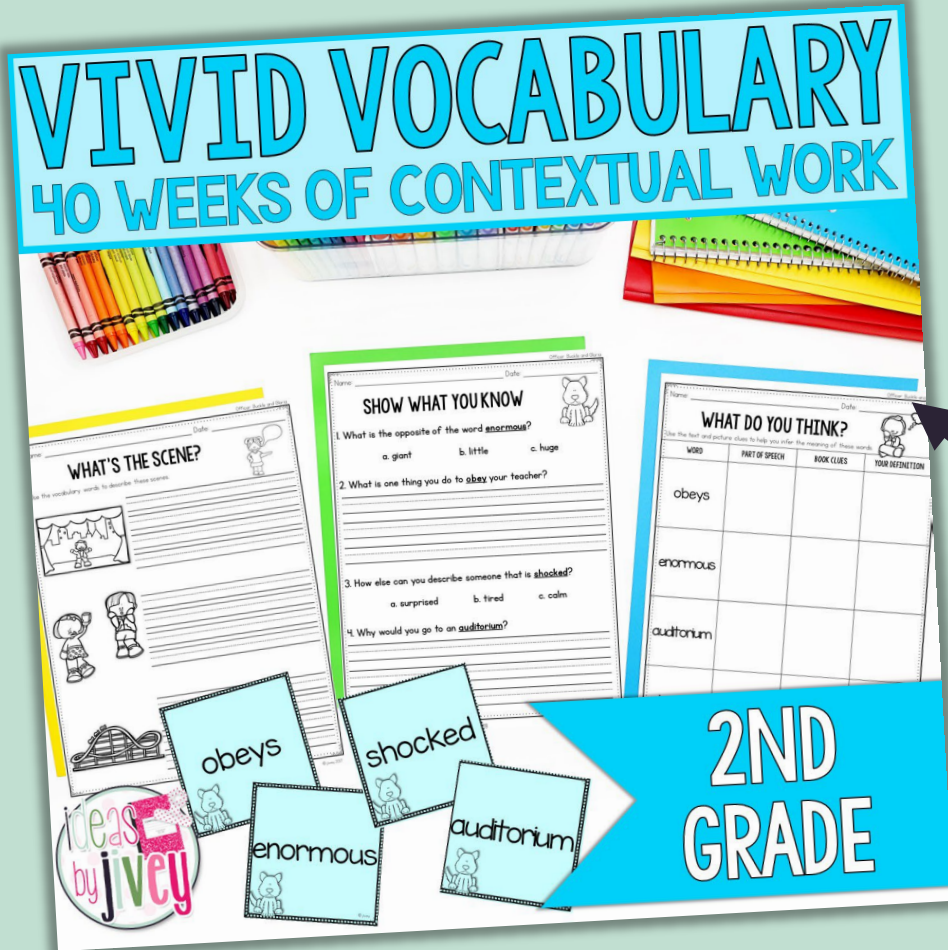
Teaching vocabulary in context from picture books aligns well with the science of reading!

Fluency: Regular exposure to written language and various syntactic structures via picture books can support reading fluency. This, in turn, frees up cognitive resources for comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.

Integrating Knowledge: When children see new vocabulary words in the context of a story, they're not just learning to recognize and pronounce these words. They're also connecting them with other concepts, themes, and ideas in the text. This fosters deeper, more integrated knowledge.

Engagement and Motivation: Picture books often contain engaging narratives and visually appealing art. These elements can motivate students to read, promoting a positive reading attitude. The more students read, the more exposure they have to a rich array of vocabulary, thus improving their overall language skills.

BUY THE BUNDLE & SAVE!



The bundle includes 40 weeks of contextual vocabulary work -- more than a year at your fingertips!

*check
it out!*

I love everything from Jivey! She has made it easy to do my complicated job of helping students navigate a new language.

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